

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL JOSEPH CAVALLERO

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Michael Cavallero. Michael passed away to be with the Lord on November 2, 2021. He was a protector, family man, and helped so many in the community.

Michael was an officer for the Fresno Police Department (FPD) for 32 years. He has served on the Fresno Police Credit Union Board of Directors. Michael wanted what was best for his officers and worked hard to do what was best for them, even after his retirement. Michael has helped with the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) for region II, and Fresno Police Officers Association (FPOA). Always involved, Michael always wanted to be helpful the best way possible.

During his spare time, Michael enjoyed watching football; specifically his favorite team the San Francisco 49ers. For baseball, he enjoyed the San Francisco Giants and the Fresno Grizzlies. He loved being with his wife, Marsha, his siblings, and his two rescued cats from the Cat House, Max and Ruby.

Michael is survived by his loving wife, Marsha; siblings Libby, Steve, Jim, Joan, and Tim; and many nieces and nephews.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Michael Joseph Cavallero. His service and contributions to the State of California and the San Joaquin Valley will always be celebrated.

### HONORING DEACONESS EASTER MAE GREEN

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Deaconess Easter Mae Green and her decades of service in our Bay Area community.

Deaconess Green was born in Waterproof, Louisiana on October 17, 1926. She was one of many African Americans to migrate West from the Jim Crow South, hoping to find a better life for her family. She arrived in the Bay Area in 1952 and began working in Oakland's manufacturing industry, eventually gaining the ability to move her brothers and her mother to California.

Deaconess Green understood the importance of establishing financial stability as a single mother, and thus became an entrepreneur in the Oakland community. She opened Easter's Beauty Salon in East Oakland, which operated for more than 30 years. The salon provided many services to the com-

munity and became a strong pathway of entrepreneurship for other female cosmetologists in the Oakland area.

Deaconess Green's good works in the community were truly remarkable. In addition to raising four biological children, she provided a safe and secure home to more than 158 foster children. She became a mentor for other young and single mothers and helped raise scholarship funds for students. Her service was recognized by Alameda County, and she would later publish her reflections in "The Value of Motherhood" in the Woman of Color Study Bible in 1999.

Deaconess Green was strongly devoted to faith as a 38-year member of the Allen Temple Baptist Church, where her daughter, Rev. Dr. Jacqueline A. Thompson, now serves as senior pastor. She later became a Deaconess to provide physical and spiritual support to anyone in need.

She lived her life as a reflection of her values—equal opportunity for women, care for children, and protection of the most vulnerable around us. She will be missed.

My deepest condolences and prayers go to her family friends and loved ones, and my great respect and sympathies go to my dear friend and pastor, Reverend Thompson, who was a supportive and loving caregiver of her mother until the very end.

Today, on behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I commend Deaconess Green for her lifelong work as an entrepreneur, a mentor, and spiritual leader. As she returns to her maker, may this beautiful woman of God, Deaconess Easter Mae Green, rest in peace and power.

DOMINIC C. JONES

#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the pleasure of presenting Dominic Jones with his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Dominic joined the cub scouts Pack 10 at South Vineland Methodist Church at the age of 6. In the Pack 10, he earned the cub scouts highest honor, the Arrow of Light. Dominic, with his friend Tyler, then became the founding member of Troop 2. He served as Quartermaster for Troop 2 for three years and became a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow. In October of 2019, Dominic earned scouting's highest rank, the Eagle Scout. For his Eagle project, he built raised garden beds for the residents of Baker Place Senior living. Dominic obtained all the materials for the garden beds through donations and worked with volunteers to construct the beds. This young man should be very proud of his accomplishments. It was my honor to have had the opportunity to recognize him for his service to the South Jersey community. God Bless Dominic and God Bless America.

### IN RECOGNITION OF ROSALIND JACKSON AND HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

#### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise—along with HANK JOHNSON, Chair of the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet—to thank Rosalind Jackson for her decades of service to the Committee on the Judiciary. The House of Representatives has been fortunate to benefit from Rosalind's service during two separate stints.

When the public watches a congressional hearing or markup, they often do not know all of the work that goes into making those events come to fruition. For our Committee, we have been fortunate to have Rosalind working behind the scenes to ensure they go smoothly. From sending out notices and witness invites to compiling witness bios, working the timer, and getting committee reports and transcripts printed, Rosalind has played a key role from start to finish on more than a hundred hearings and markups during her time here. She has also performed an invaluable service in helping the Committee to save and archive its records each Congress.

While Rosalind has supported numerous Subcommittees, as well as the full Committee, over the years, she has worked especially closely with the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet. In this role, she played a critical role in supporting the Subcommittee staff as they worked on complex legislation, such as, among other things, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, the PRO-IP Act, the Innovation Act and the America Invents Act—indeed every major copyright and patent law enacted over the last 15 years and earlier. Her active involvement has continued through the Committee's consideration several months ago of the SHOP SAFE Act as well.

Rosalind's dedication to public service, institutional memory, and work ethic have been a tremendous gift to the Committee over the years. Her warmth and kindness have not only served her well in developing good relationships across the Capitol but have created a welcoming environment for every staff member, Member of Congress, witness, intern, and visitor who has had the benefit of interacting with her.

Rosalind is a team player who is always willing to help out however is needed. We will miss her deeply on the Committee, but we are excited for her as she enjoys retirement after a career in public service. Our country is fortunate to have had Rosalind working in Congress these past decades.

We thank Rosalind for her service to the Committee and wish her the best of luck with this new chapter.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF PETER  
ARAM KEZIRIAN

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Peter Aram Kezirian, who passed away at the age of 67. Although he will be remembered for his service in the military and his contributions to the community of Fresno, California, he will mostly be remembered for his devotion to his family and friends, who he was always there for, whenever they needed him.

Peter graduated from Central High School and earned a bachelor's degree from California State University, Fresno. He was a hard worker and spent his entire life working for the Kezirian family businesses. First, he worked at Rolinda Farmers Store until 1997, when the store closed; and then he worked at managing the family farm.

Peter dedicated 30 years of his life serving with the 144th Fighter Wing of the California Air National Guard. Achieving the rank of Master Sergeant, he retired with an honorable discharge in 2003. When he was not serving in the military, he continued his work with the family businesses, and loved watching his favorite sports teams play. He loved the San Francisco Giants and was a true fan of the Chicago Bears. When it came to NASCAR, he was a grand prix enthusiast.

Peter is survived by his mother Alice Kezirian; brothers Vaughn Kezirian (Ann) and Robert Kezirian, sisters Terry Kezirian, Paula Cunningham (Brian), and Janice Kezirian (Dalton Bennett). He leaves behind his many nieces and nephews, family members and dear friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and achievements of my friend, Peter Aram Kezirian. He was a respected member in the community, a loving son and brother and a veteran, who had a passion for life and the people of the Central Valley.

CELEBRATING THE EAST BAY  
AREA SECTION OF THE NATIONAL  
COUNCIL OF NEGRO  
WOMEN

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the East Bay Area Section of the National Council of Negro Women. The National Council of Negro Women is a non-profit organization with the mission to "lead, advocate for, and empower women of African descent, their families and communities." NCNW was founded in 1935 by the influential educator and activist Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and the iconic Dr. Dorothy Height served as president of the organization for more than fifty years. For seventy years, the East Bay Section of NCNW has followed in the footsteps of the organization's founder and its longtime president by serving as a pillar of the Bay Area community.

The strength of the East Bay Section lies in its exceptional members. Led by President Carlene Gray, the members of this Section are leaders in their industries and in their community. Some are students, others are educators, business owners, healthcare professionals, civil servants, and others have retired. What they all have in common is their commitment to improving their community and empowering its people. They believe they are their sister's keeper. They encourage African American women and their families to serve as ambassadors in the community and contribute to its success.

The East Bay Section continues to strengthen the community through innovative social, civic, and economic programs. These programs have supported so many members of the community including women, children, seniors, and veterans. They have also provided donations to the Alameda County Food Bank, donated hygiene supplies to women in need, purchased school supplies and hosted public forums on education. They have led innovative programs to support survivors of sexual assault, domestic abuse, and sex trafficking. During the pandemic, they have donated to community shelters and ensured that the community stayed informed with up-to-date resources.

For seventy years, the East Bay Section of the National Council of Negro Women has been dedicated to serving and uplifting the Bay Area. Its members serve as passionate community advocates and share a commitment to improving the lives of African American women, their families, and the community. In the face of great challenges, the women of the East Bay Section of the National Council of Negro Women continue to rise to the occasion and improve countless lives through their tireless work. Their leadership and vision is needed now more than ever. May the East Bay Section's impact continue to be felt across the community for many years to come. Congratulations on seventy years of impact and service.

JON PAWLOW RETIREMENT  
TRIBUTE

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I want to pay tribute to Jonathan R. "Jon" Pawlow, our longtime Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee Senior Counsel. After 20 years of service on the Committee, Jon will be retiring at the end of this year. It's difficult to picture the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee without Jon here. In fact, it's difficult to imagine the water policy sphere throughout the entire Congress without Jon here. For 20 years, Jon has been an absolute go-to for all things Clean Water Act. He has been an immense resource for not just the Committee, but for the entire Congress. He has left his mark upon the work product created under a legion of full and subcommittee chairmen and ranking members. However, even prior to joining the Committee, Jon was accomplished. He graduated Rutgers University with both a bachelor's and master's degrees in water resources engineering and en-

vironmental science, and also holds a law degree from Georgetown University. He accumulated over 15 years of private law practice, gaining expertise in the environmental and intellectual property fields. After that, Jon served in the Office of Water at the Environmental Protection Agency for nine years and then moved on to the Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy. These experiences allowed him to bring a host of policy and regulatory experience to the Committee. Jon has left his fingerprints on just about every piece of water legislation in the past two decades. He has also been a key participant in five Water Resources Development Acts, including the last four, where Congress got its act together and began passing bipartisan WRDAs consistently every two years. Finally, throughout his professional life, Jon has been a teacher and a mentor. At various times in his career, he has instructed at institutions such as the George Washington University Center for Career Education and the Old Dominion University College of Engineering and Technology. This has carried over to his time on the Hill. He has always made time for anyone he meets to walk through the ins-and-outs of water policy, from Full Committee Chairs, to leadership staff, to personal office legislative assistants. Jon is a dedicated professional and devoted staffer, and we will all greatly miss his knowledge, expertise, and guidance. I am personally grateful for his service to this Committee and to Congress. I thank him so much for dedicating his career to water policy and service to the American public. I hope he and Terry make the most of their well-deserved retirements. I thank him for all he has done.

NAFTA DEVASTATION

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, today President Biden hosted Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau and Mexican President Lopez Obrador for the North American Leaders' Summit.

I urge them to address the continental challenges unleashed by NAFTA job losses in the U.S. and the rising illicit drug trade.

An often overlooked impact of NAFTA trade is the evisceration of Mexico's white corn market.

As Mexican farmers lost their livelihoods, many turned to planting poppy crops for income, which is now blended with Chinese fentanyl.

We know too NAFTA devastated our Industrial Heartland leading to massive job loss and a continuing surge of narcotics into the U.S.—killing nearly a million people.

I urge the President and continental leaders to not ignore the harms of NAFTA on American workers, Mexican farmers, and communities ravaged by job losses and the opioid epidemic.

Let us chart a new path forward for continental trade—but not based on penny wage labor. The Americas need fair trade.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF  
CAPE MAY

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Women's Community Club of Cape May as they celebrate 100 years of volunteer and philanthropic service. The Club was officially formed in November of 1921 with 169 members who elected officers and became affiliated with the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs. These founders were women who advocated for women's suffrage. Over the past 100 years, the WCCM has enabled major projects like the Cape May Lewes Ferry, establishing a local hospital, and adding American G.I.'s and war victims during World War II. This Club truly has an incredible 100-year history of community activism, projects, good works, fun, and fellowship. I thank them for their work and dedication to our Cape May community, and congratulations on their 100-year milestone. God Bless the Women's Community Club of Cape May, and God Bless America.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF KMPH TELEVISION

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor KMPH Television on its 50th anniversary. On October 11, 2021, this broadcasting institution will have been providing the Central Valley with high quality television programming for 50 years.

KMPH first took the air in 1971 and operated as an independent station. It was founded by the Pappas brothers, Mike, Pete, and Harry, whose initials make up the name of the station. Seven years later, it completely launched its news department and began airing The 10 O'clock News from Monday through Friday. It covered news from the Fresno and Visalia areas, as well as national stories.

Since then, the station has expanded to most weekdays and for Saturdays, including Great Day which airs on multiple mornings a week. Through these programs, KMPH has served as a vital source of information for viewers all across the Central Valley of California.

Even while news organizations across the United States have undergone serious challenges to their livelihoods, KMPH Television has remained a staple of Central Valley journalism. During this age of misinformation, KMPH has remained committed to ensuring the integrity of local news, something I and my constituents are very grateful for.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring KMPH Television on their 50th anniversary.

HONORING DR. LESTER L.  
CANNON, SR.

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Lester L. Cannon, Sr. on the occasion of his retirement as a pastor and a spiritual leader at the Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church in Oakland, California.

Dr. Cannon is a native of Maben, Alabama, the husband of Mrs. Minnie Ruth Cannon, father of Minister Lester L. Cannon, Jr., and Tammy Cannon, the grandfather of five, and the great-grandfather of nine. He served his first pastorage at Morning Star Baptist Church from 1974 to 1979, and later received both his Master of Theological Studies his Doctor of Ministry from Faith Seminary in Tacoma, Washington.

Dr. Cannon has guided the Cornerstone Baptist Church according to his values of evangelism, education, youth ministry, and stewardship. With these priorities, Dr. Cannon has helped the church increased both its presence in the community and its long-term prosperity.

Dr. Cannon also has been active in the community. He served as the Chairman of the Board of Nationwide Evangelism Training for 25 years, and currently serves as Executive Board Chairman of First Northern Christian Network. He also has served as Chairman of the Evangelical committee for the Baptist Ministers' Union of Oakland, and a trustee for the Golden State Convention, East Bay Baptist Association, and the Southern Baptist Convention. He also established a "Thurgood Marshall Program" which serves men in recovery from substance abuse in conjunction with the Comprehensive Action Network.

Dr. Cannon authored a book on prayer called "Helpful Hints on Practical Prayer." He has encouraged others to become pastors themselves and continued his work of teaching by opening a Christian school at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church in 2009.

Today, on behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I commend Dr. Cannon for his lifelong work as a community and spiritual leader.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEBRASKA URBAN INDIAN HEALTH COALITION

**HON. DON BACON**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Native American Heritage Month and to honor the 35th anniversary of the Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition, a private nonprofit organization in Nebraska.

The Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition provides community healthcare and services targeting the urban American Indian and Alaska Native population in the greater Omaha metropolitan area, Lincoln area, and Sioux City, Iowa, since 1986. Their rehabilitative healthcare services and their diabetes self-

management program are nationally recognized. Currently, they are led by their CEO, Dr. Donna Mays Polk.

Donna Lee Mays was born in 1943 in Denver, CO, to a young WWII submariner Hosey Mays and his wife Tommy Lee Gadling Mays. Dr. Polk was only 7 years old when her mother was killed in a car accident by a drunk driver on Christmas Day. Dr. Polk credits her grandmother, Annie Lee Gadling, as her inspiration because of her spirituality and Wisdom. Dr. Polk firmly believes in having vision and that you have to be able to see how things can be. If you don't, Mr. Speaker, you don't work to effect change.

Between 1972 to 1985, Dr. Polk served as an affirmative action and equal opportunity officer at the Nebraska Department of Labor. She volunteered in the Nebraska Correction's system for 26 years and starred in her own TV show called "Frankly Female, a show for and about women. She is the mother of four sons, Mark, Imani, Marcus, and the Honorable Judge Marlon Polk.

Dr. Polk earned her bachelor's degree in university studies, her master's in counseling psychology, and a doctorate in administration, instruction, and curriculum, all from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In addition, she is a published author. She wrote her book, "Black Men and Women of Nebraska, in 1981 to shine the light on prominent African-American individuals in our State.

She joined the NE Urban Indian Health Coalition in 1991 after leaving the Lincoln Indian Center. She continues to lead a team of over 50 employees. Programs and services include: Behavioral Health Substance Use Disorder Services, transitional housing, Nebraska Urban Indian Medical Center in Lincoln, and transportation. Dr. Polk also takes immense pride in the Eagle Heights Affordable Housing located in South Omaha and two community-based programs—Project Upstream serving families with children in Omaha Public Schools, and the Tired Moccasins a nutrition-based program for elders. Dr. Polk is thrilled about the inauguration of their new headquarters scheduled to open in the spring of 2022.

In recognition of the Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition, we shine a spotlight on 35 years of helping elevate the health status and eliminating disparities of urban Indians and other underserved populations in Nebraska and Iowa through education, collaboration, advocacy, and health service delivery.

Congratulations to Dr. Polk and her team for 35 years of excellence and serving our great community.

HONORING THE CAREER OF  
BARRETT BURNS

**HON. JAMES A. HIMES**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor not just a resident of Connecticut's 4th Congressional District, but my friend, Barrett Burns.

Barrett is the founding President & CEO of VantageScore Solutions. Under Barrett's guidance, VantageScore went from being a startup housed in the basement of Barrett's home to a well-recognized national brand.

Prior to joining VantageScore Solutions, Barrett served as executive vice president at U.S. Trust, where he was head of the National Private Banking Group and a member of U.S. Trust's Executive Committee, as well as a member of the Senior Management Team of U.S. Trust's parent company, The Charles Schwab Corporation.

During his career, Barrett served as a board member and advisor for numerous groups. Barrett not only served on the Federal Reserve Board's Community Advisory Council and its predecessor, the Consumer Advisory Council; he also served as a director of the Homeownership Preservation Foundation, as a member of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition's Mortgage Finance Collaborative Council, and on the National Fair Housing Alliance's Fair Housing Act 50th Anniversary Advisory Council.

As Barrett's career and trajectory indicate, he has always understood the capacity of the private sector to improve lives, provide opportunity, and open doors. It has been a pleasure to work with Barrett and I look forward to seeing the next stage of his remarkable journey.

**HONORING SONIA PARRAS  
KONRAD AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK**

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Sonia Parras Konrad, an attorney, visionary, and co-founder of various non-profits, as Iowan of the Week.

For someone who never intended to become a lawyer and advocate, Sonia Parras Konrad exceeded her personal expectations and became an influential member of the Latina community in Iowa. While attending college in Spain, Sonia had the chance to study at Central College for a year in 1993 through 1994. After her first year in Iowa, Sonia firmly believed that Iowa chose her and felt as though many factors kept her coming back. As soon as she started to work with the Latina community, she saw the immense need for advocacy in support of its members. Furthermore, she feels honored to be a part of the road to change in Iowa and more specifically, her ability to work to change policies that affect a vulnerable population. Within Iowa, she found a lot of mainstream support and allies, which pushed her to continue her work.

As Sonia's passion for activism progressed, she went on to become a co-founder of multiple non-profits such as Latinas Unidas por un Nuevo Amanecer (LUNA), MUNA Legal Clinic, Latina Leadership of Greater Des Moines (LLI), and the ALMAS Pro Bono Legal Clinic. In addition to her work in the non-profit sector, Sonia is well-versed in international consulting throughout Latin America in which she serves as a consultant to both the Department of State and the Mexican Government. As a result of all of her extraordinary work, Sonia has received many prestigious awards and honors from various organizations. In 2021 only, Sonia has received both the Pro Bono Award from the Iowa-Nebraska Chapter of American Immigration Lawyers and the Businesswoman of the Year 2021 from the Business Record. In

all, Sonia's goals are to always do more, continue to grow, and open roads for women and immigrants in Iowa.

Sonia has dedicated her life to helping the Latina community in Iowa through her leadership and legal prowess. Her optimistic and humble mindset has propelled her to success and makes her truly worthy of being nominated for this award. Sonia serves as an inspiration and role model to all, and it is my honor to name her Iowan of the Week.

**RICHARD K. FOSTER**

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and honor the life of Richard Foster of Nutley, New Jersey. Richard graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1954 and joined the Air Force reserves shortly after. After his time in the Air Force, he worked for Prudential Insurance company for almost 40 years until his retirement. In 1994, when in Ocean City, New Jersey, with his wife, Richard encountered a violent, horrific storm. The riptides and winds were unlike anything the city had ever seen. While near the beach, Richard noticed two women struggling to return to shore because of the storm. Without hesitation, Richard entered the water to help save them. Unfortunately, because of the severity of the storm and tides, Richard nearly drowned and suffered from cardiac arrest while trying to save the women, but never regained consciousness. Richard truly is a selfless hero. May he rest in peace. God Bless Richard and God Bless America.

**HONORING FRESNO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) in honor of their 40th Anniversary. Since 1981, EDC has served the San Joaquin Valley by expanding economic growth in Fresno County.

EDC effortlessly works to facilitate site selection for new companies within the county and assist in retention and expansion of local businesses. They market Fresno County as the premier location to develop core industries. Their staff hosts annual events and publish special reports such as their Real Estate Forecast and Investor's Meeting. With this, they have provided their investors, community leaders, and elected officials with crucial marketing intelligence, economic trends and networking opportunities.

In 2018, EDC received the International Economic Development Council Gold Award for the New Employment Opportunities Expanded Subsidized Employment Program. This innovative program matches the needs of industries with individuals seeking jobs. EDC uses their website, social media outlets, and

community outreach to provide their clients, investors, and community members with important news, resources, and information. They connect people with one another in the community and it enhances relationships with businesses. Continuously, they have promoted business investment and job creation by informing economic development policy, programs, and legislation to the cities and companies it serves.

With the support of its Board of Directors and network of over a hundred investors, they use their creative license to bring about innovative ideas and collaborative opportunities to put forth Fresno County's economic evolution and growth. Their steady leadership has played a vital role in solidifying the economic strength of Fresno County and the future needs of the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Fresno County Economic Corporation for their commitment to improving the quality of life in the local community. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor them on the celebration of their fortieth anniversary. I wish them all the best and continued success in the future.

**HONORING MR. H. ROSS PEROT, JR.**

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the distinguished career and public service of my dear friend Mr. H. Ross Perot, Jr.

A native Texan, Mr. Perot graduated from St. Mark's School of Texas and earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Vanderbilt University.

As a 23-year-old, Mr. Perot was the first to circumnavigate the world in a helicopter. The 26,000-mile trip was completed in less than 30 days. The Spirit of Texas, a Bell 206 helicopter, is on display at the Smithsonian Institution's Air and Space Museum.

Just weeks after completing his record-breaking flight, Mr. Perot, announced he was joining the Air Force where he piloted the F-4 Phantom fighter and served for over seven years on active and reserve duty. Proud of his Air Force service, he chaired the Air Force Memorial Foundation where he led a 14-year effort to build the United States Air Force Memorial.

Following his military service, Mr. Perot made his mark in business. Founding Hillwood, one of the top industrial, commercial, and residential real estate companies in the world. His leadership has undoubtedly contributed to the development of North Texas into the booming economy it is today.

Mr. Perot has received numerous awards throughout his lifetime in recognition of his dedication and service to our country, including the Gold Medal Award for Extraordinary Service from President Ronald Reagan, the Woodrow Wilson Award for Corporate Citizenship, and the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service. Perot has been named one of the Most Powerful Business Leaders in Dallas-Fort Worth and was inducted into the Junior Achievement's Dallas

Business Hall of Fame in 2017. Alongside his father, he was co-awarded the inaugural Vision Award from the Urban Land Institute North Texas District Council.

Mr. Perot is not only a principled business leader, but he continually dedicates time to serve his community. He serves on the Boards of Trustees of Vanderbilt University and the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. He serves as Chairman of the Board of the East-West Institute, St. Mark's School of Texas, and the Perot Companies.

It is a pleasure and honor to join Mr. Perot's family and friends to celebrate his distinguished career and thank him for his leadership, service to our country and dedication to public service.

**HONORING THOMAS HOBART  
KELLER**

**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize and remember Army veteran, retired police lieutenant, and social justice advocate, Thomas Hobart Keller. He lived a life of service with a commitment to advocacy, and his indefatigable focus on fairness, kindness, and equality improved the lives of so many of my constituents.

Tom loved the ocean, residing at various times in Maine, Nova Scotia, and the Florida Keys. He was a foodie and a cook. He was fiercely devoted to his family and close friends. He was a Veteran for Peace. He embraced recovery to craft a life he described as "second to none." And he was a pioneering law enforcement leader in Maine's movement to end violence against women. Tom both challenged and changed policing practices to better protect and support survivors. In his profession and as a volunteer and board member at the local women's shelter, he was compassionate, knowledgeable, and influential.

Tom knew that one's judgement did not define others so much as it defined oneself. To that end, he was accepting and open hearted. He faced death as he had lived—with dignity, grace, and good humor.

Tom Keller served his country and his community. He changed lives, and I am grateful for the legacy he left in my state and beyond.

**RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MAJOR GENERAL JAY LINDELL**

**HON. JASON CROW**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I, along with Representative PERLMUTTER, Representative DEGETTE, Representative LAMBORN, Representative NEGUSE, Senator HICKENLOOPER, and Senator BENNET rise today to recognize the service and accomplishments of Major General Jay Lindell and congratulate him on his upcoming retirement.

A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and Veteran of Operation Desert Storm, Major

General Lindell served our nation as a fighter pilot and as Commander of the 35th Fighter Squadron at Kunsan Air Base in South Korea and the 27th Operations Group at Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico.

In his highly decorated career, Major General Lindell logged more than 4,000 flying hours and was a recipient of the Silver Star—the third-highest military decoration for valor in combat. After leaving his combat role, he went on to serve as a Colonel, a Brigadier General, and was eventually promoted to Major General to serve as the Director of Global Power Programs in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition.

After over 33 years of valiant service to our country, Major General Lindell left the Air Force and was appointed by the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade as Colorado's Aerospace & Defense Industry Champion. Due in no small part to Major General Lindell's dynamic and inspirational leadership, Colorado soon ranked No. 1 in the nation in aerospace employment per capita. During his tenure, Colorado became the proud home of the United States Space Command Headquarters at Peterson Space Force Base and saw two bases redesignated: Buckley Space Force Base in Aurora and Schriever Space Force Base in Colorado Springs.

Beyond Major General Lindell's dedication to the aerospace and defense industry, he has given back to our community and made it his mission to advocate on behalf of active duty veterans and their families. Major General Lindell has served on several boards committed to strengthening our community through providing youth space education programs, creating economic opportunities for veterans, and ensuring we fulfil our sacred promise to care for veterans and their families when they return from duty.

Major General Lindell's contributions to our country and the community epitomize what it means to go above and beyond the call of duty. We congratulate Major General Lindell on his retirement and thank him for his service to our community and nation.

**HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB**

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fig Garden Woman's Club on the occasion of its centennial anniversary. Founded on March 9, 1921, the Fig Garden Women's Club is celebrating 100 years of friendship and contributions to our local community.

The Fig Garden Woman's Club was founded in 1921, by 13 young women who lived in the Fig Garden neighborhood in Fresno, California. The club was founded based on the shared values of friendship and finding ways to help improve their community. As interest, membership and work in the neighborhood grew, the club members began an effort to raise funds to build a clubhouse for their members to use and the community to enjoy. In 1926, the clubhouse was built with the help of friends and local developer J.C. Forkner and

was established as a California Historical Landmark in 1987. The club is recognized under the California Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Today, the club continues to thrive and has over 180 dedicated members.

Since 1921, the Fig Garden Woman's Club has made contributions to local non-profits for victims of domestic violence, provided food for hard-working college students, and actively participates in many other local efforts. They also fundraise to provide scholarships for nursing students from Fresno City College, among other philanthropic efforts. Past efforts have included, providing transportation and meals to school children, donations to local nonprofit organizations, Christmas donations for needy families and neighborhood beautification projects.

The Fig Garden Woman's Club members regularly sacrifice their time to help the Old Fig Garden neighborhood, in addition to their work within the City and County of Fresno. Annually, they donate their time to provide life-long memories for Central Valley families by contributing to the beloved local tradition, Christmas Tree Lane. Members bake over 1,000 cookies to promote donations for Christmas Tree Lane, the two mile stretch of beautifully decorated homes in Old Fig Garden.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Fig Garden Woman's Club on their centennial anniversary. It is my honor to congratulate past and present members on this momentous accomplishment and thank them for the joy they have brought to the community.

**RECOGNIZING SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT NHAN H. VO'S RETIREMENT FROM THE 193RD SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING, PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD**

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Senior Master Sergeant (SMSgt) Nhan H. Vo upon his retirement as the Quality Assurance and Self-Assessment Program Manager of the 193rd Special Operations Wing (SOW), Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

SMSgt Vo began his military career in the United States Navy in 1991, as a Yeoman on the USS *Nassau* (LHA-4) where he deployed to Norway, Guantanamo Bay, Haiti, and two tours in the Mediterranean through 1995. In addition, he is an honorary Blue Nose and Shellback.

In 1999, he enlisted with the United States Air Force at the 193rd SOW where he served in various positions with its Communications Squadron, Readiness Squadron, and the 148th Air Support Operations Squadron.

Within the 193rd SOW, SMSgt Vo also served as Diversity Facilitator, Security Forces Augmentee, Physical Fitness Training Augmentee, Special Operations Logistic Readiness Squadron Top Three President, 148th Air Support Operations Squadron First Sergeant, FEMA Region III Homeland Response Force, and Joint Task Force /District of Columbia during Presidential Inauguration operations in 2009 and 2013.

SMSgt Vo's many deployments were in support of Operations Support Democracy, Deny Flight, Sharp Guard, Provide Promise, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and Inherent Resolve. During his career, he twice was awarded the Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year for the 193rd SOW, earning the designation with the 193rd Regional Support Group and 193rd SOW. His numerous medals earned throughout his decorated career of service include the: Air Force Meritorious Service Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster; Air Force Achievement Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster; Army Commendation Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

I am honored to honor SMSgt Nhan H. Vo's career of distinguished service to the 193rd SOW, the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our United States of America. I wish him God's many blessings as he departs this phase of his life and embarks upon his next adventure.

#### HONORING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF CEDRIC STOUT

#### HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Navy Motor Machinist Second Class (MM2C) Cedric Stout of Bridge City, Texas. Mr. Stout enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1941 and was aboard the USS *Utah* anchored at Pearl Harbor the morning of December 7. At 100-years-old, he is believed to be the only remaining Pearl Harbor survivor in Southeast Texas.

Mr. Stout was born to Frank and Rita Nezat Stout and spent his childhood in Leonville, Louisiana. Growing up, he labored with his six brothers and seven sisters as sharecroppers working the fields by hand to make ends meet for their family. Like many others in rural Louisiana during the Great Depression, the Stout home was without electricity or indoor plumbing. At the age of 17, Mr. Stout joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) where he helped build national parks in Oregon.

After returning to Louisiana, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy on March 23, 1941. Following boot camp in San Diego, he was stationed in Hawaii at Pearl Harbor aboard the USS *Utah*. On the morning of December 7, Mr. Stout was awakened by the sound of Japanese aircraft attacking our Pacific Fleet. With the ongoing bombardment happening around him, he knew his chances of survival were slim. Yet, by the grace of God, he managed to get to safety. Tragically, the USS *Utah*, and many on board, were not so lucky. The battleship's substantial damage made it capsize and sink in a mere seven minutes.

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Mr. Stout was reassigned to a light cruiser, the USS *Detroit* (CL-8). Later, while participating in the invasion of Saipan, his landing craft sank, leaving him and the other surviving crew members to be rescued. For his military service, Mr. Stout received the following commendations: the Navy Expeditionary Medal, American Campaign Medal, American Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and World War II Victory Medal.

While on leave in 1944, Mr. Stout married Delma Courville of Sunset, Louisiana. The couple had nine children together. Their names are Shirley Harmes, Julie Pike, Gerald Stout, Darlene Montagne, Janet Johnston, Janine Carter, Denise Evavold (passed away in 1997), Daniel Stout, and Theresa Hock. Mr. Stout and his wife also had 20 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. After his service in World War II, Mr. Stout moved his family to Bridge City, Texas, in 1959 and began driving a city bus in Port Arthur, Texas, for two years before becoming a salesman for the Price Cigar and Candy Company. He retired in 1988.

Sadly, Delma passed away in 1999. He married his second wife, Cherry Tiller, in 2000. Together, they remain committed to their large family, including the Stout and Tiller children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Mr. Stout and Cherry enjoy attending mass together, sharing household chores, and gardening. In fact, this impressive centenarian can still be spotted mowing the yard on his John Deere tractor.

Madam Speaker, I salute this American hero for his valiant service in the U.S. Navy during World War II and in recognition of a fortitude few share, but all are grateful for. I congratulate this newly-minted centenarian on a life well-lived. May God continue to bless him for his service to his country, community, and family.

#### SALUTING THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF JAVIER HERNÁNDEZ BALCÁZAR

#### HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise to salute Javier Hernández Balcázar for his many positive contributions to Los Angeles, both as a prominent soccer player and as an active member of our Los Angeles community.

Javier was born on June 1, 1988, in Guadalupe, Jalisco, Mexico, to Silvia Balcázar and Javier Gutiérrez. He began playing soccer at the junior club level when he was 7 years old. After signing his first professional contract with a local club at the age of 15, he was selected for the Mexico national under-17 team. In July 2010, he was acquired by the Premier League club Manchester United and became the first-ever Mexican player to be selected for one of the leading Premier League teams.

Javier's extraordinary soccer career and his hard work to reach his goals are an inspiration to young people around the world. As a new member of the Los Angeles Galaxy, he has become an incredible role model throughout Southern California.

Javier joined the Galaxy as the team's Designated Player on January 21, 2020. Since joining the team, Javier's passion for giving back has inspired his many philanthropic efforts in the Los Angeles community.

On December 5, 2021, Javier will once again support his community by appearing for fans in Bell Gardens, California, in my 40th Congressional District. The event will be one of the largest toy giveaways in the history of Southern California and will be hosted by DEL

Records, the largest Latino record label in the region.

Madam Speaker, Javier Hernández Balcázar has shown exemplary commitment to the people of Los Angeles and beyond, and I am pleased to recognize his work as an athlete and philanthropist. I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his many contributions and his positive impact.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHNNY DENIZ

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Johnny Deniz. Johnny passed away on September 24, 2021. He was 90 years old. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean war, and after returning home, dedicated his life as a farmer in the Counties of Madera and Fresno.

Johnny was born on July 24, 1931 to Manuel and Rosa Deniz. He was raised in Madera, California.

Growing up, he went to Dixieland Grammar School and Madera High School. During school, he was elected President of the Madera F.F.A. Later, he served the Madera F.F.A. as Secretary of State and was awarded the American F.F.A. Degree. Johnny attended Fresno State University for a degree in engineering, but was soon drafted into the Army and served as Military Police Officer in Europe.

After serving in the military, Johnny returned back home and he married his first wife, Wilma. He became a dedicated farmer in the Counties of Madera and Fresno, in which he grew multiple crops such as tomatoes, cotton, stone fruit, and table and wine grapes. Johnny was a successful businessman and established the Madera Pump Company, Almond Tree Hauler Inc., and Deniz Packing Inc. His work for the protection of Madera County's water supply left a legacy in which he dedicated 24 years of service as a Director, and 15 years as President, of the Madera Irrigation District.

Johnny remarried in 2009 to his wife Dorie and continued the dedicated work for his community. In 2010, he was awarded Senior Farmer of the Year in the County of Madera for his dedication and hard work with the water district and for helping the needs of others. As one who was always civically engaged, he belonged to the Knights of Columbus as a 4th degree knight; the Madera County Farm Bureau; the Elks Club; and last but not least, the Veterans of Foreign Wars. His contributions and efforts on behalf of these organizations, made a lasting impact on the Valley.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Johnny Deniz. His service and contributions to the Central Valley and the State of California will be missed. I join his family and friends in celebrating Johnny's life.

THE STORY OF THE MARBLEHEAD  
LIGHTHOUSE

## HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Marblehead Lighthouse in Marblehead, Ohio. On Sunday, November 20, 2021, I joined with residents and congregants of First United Church of Christ-Congregational in Marblehead to kick off the celebration through 2022. I am honored to include in the RECORD the history as stated during the celebration. The history was written by Lorrie Halblaub.

Welcome. Today we will rededicate the Marblehead Lighthouse which was built in 1821 and commissioned in 1822. It was originally called the Sandusky Bay Light Station but the name changed to Marblehead in 1870. Starting today, this peninsula will be honoring the light with a year-long celebration featuring many events. There is something about a lighthouse that makes us compare it to God. Its leading light, its steadfastness, its help to those who are in trouble, so a church is a fitting place to begin this journey.

THE STORY OF THE MARBLEHEAD LIGHTHOUSE IN  
WORDS AND MUSIC

After the War of 1812, the United States turned its attention to shipping on the Great Lakes and lighthouses were necessary to aid in navigation. In 1819 Congress budgeted \$5,000 for a light between the Grand River in Ohio and the Detroit River in Michigan. Another \$5000 was budgeted in 1820.

Because Sandusky Bay was the safest harbor in that stretch of Lake Erie, it was decided that a light would be erected at the entrance. So, the United States purchased 3 acres of land for \$277.45 on what was known then as Rocky Point, a small peninsula on the east end of the larger Marblehead peninsula.

Instructions on the size and shape of the lighthouse were given to the builder, William Kelly, from Sandusky. His workers quarried the native limestone and built the 50-foot tower that was to become the light. They started on September 14 and finished on November 10, 1821 at a cost of \$7,282. Two of Kelly's grandsons, John Jr. and Joab were founders of this church.

Over the rest of the winter and spring of 1822, the top of the light tower was fitted with the light source; 13 Argand whale oil lamps with reflectors and a set of windows, called a lantern, that the light shone through.

The lighthouse was the first permanent structure built on the peninsula. The second structure was a stone keeper's house next to the light. Then William Kelly also built a third stone dwelling for the man who would become the first keeper of the light, Benajah Wolcott, the first permanent settler of Danbury Township. By June 22, 1822, the light was officially lit and Wolcott began 10 years of service at \$350 per year.

What was it like to be a lightkeeper back then? In a word "difficult". First, you had to stay up all night long to keep the light going. You had to haul heavy containers of oil up a series of wooden ladders to fuel the flame. The wicks needed trimming, the lamps and window glass needed polishing, the tower needed maintenance and painting, the grounds and the keeper's house had to be cleaned and kept in repair.

Remember, back then, the Marblehead Peninsula was a prairie. Settlers lived in log cabins with no towns, roads, stores, schools, churches or local government. Travel on land was by horse or on foot so you couldn't run to a store if you needed something. Shopping required a rowboat trip across Sandusky Bay to the nearest town where you turned in your monthly lighthouse reports and picked up your pay.

All the early keepers grew their own food and kept livestock. All keepers kept a log where they wrote down the weather and what ships passed.

For the first 55 years of the light, the keepers were also required to aid any ship in distress. If they couldn't mount a rescue of volunteers, they had to do the rescuing themselves.

There were 15 lightkeepers over the years, including two women. After Benajah Wolcott died of Cholera, his wife, Rachel, became the first female lightkeeper on the Great Lakes.

Then, in 1875, something happened that changed the keeper's duty of mounting rescues. In May of that year, a gale swept over the lake. The schooner *Consuelo* began to sink about 3 miles from the Lighthouse. Lucien Clemons, whose father started the first quarry business on the peninsula, saw their plight and along with his brothers Hubbard and Ai mounted a rescue.

They rowed a 12-foot boat for nearly an hour in a raging storm, risking their own lives. They saved two of the crew, who were clinging to the ship. The captain, three seamen and a female cook were lost.

For their heroic effort, the three were given the first Congressional gold lifesaving medals ever awarded.

Then, because of the number of shipwrecks in the area, the government built a lifesaving station here and it took over the rescues from the lightkeepers.

The Point Marblehead Lifesaving Station opened June 24, 1876 with Lucien Clemons as the first keeper. He served for 21 years.

His brothers, Hubbard and Ai were members of this church, which was built in 1900. The brothers served on the building committee. Because the lifesaving station was small, they made a deal with the church that people who were rescued could shelter here if needed. The sign of that covenant is on the top of our church steeple. Instead of a cross, we have a symbolic Astrolabe, a device that helped early sailors navigate.

The Lifesaving station became part of the Coast Guard and the station was rebuilt and enlarged twice. Today the Marblehead Coast Guard station is the one of the busiest on the Great Lakes.

A replica of the first lifesaving station is on display on the grounds of our lighthouse.

Because the Coast Guard was part of the Navy during World War II, they have their own verse in the next song, also known as the Navy Hymn. We will now sing Eternal Father Strong to Save with the Coast Guard verse.

As the years went by, the lighthouse changed, always for the better, and always to make the light beam farther and brighter.

Around the turn of the 20th century, two additions to height, a bigger lantern and a bigger lens were added. The light fuel went from oil to kerosene to electricity and from a lantern with simple reflectors to a magnificent Fresnel lens, to several big LED bulbs.

In 1903 the Light gained a clockwork mechanism that only needed to be wound every few hours. Today it is automated. The color of the light has been white, red and now is green so as to distinguish it from other air beacons.

Two keepers oversaw most of these changes. Joanna McGee, our second female

keeper, and Charles Hunter, who were both members of this church. The McGee's came to the lighthouse as a newly-weds when George was hired as the 12th keeper. They gave birth to 10 children while living there. Joanna became the keeper after her husband George passed away. Together, George and Johanna McGee served 30 years.

By 1881, the keeper's original stone house was in such poor condition that George built them a shed to live in. When the light house inspector saw that, it wasn't long before the old keepers house was torn down and a new two-story wooden home was built that serves as the lighthouse museum today.

Charles Hunter came as a single man but married at age 55. He served from 1903-1933, and was quite a character. He was a storyteller, taught a woodworking class at the local school. He built a boat that was too heavy to float and a house made of wood that had washed up on shore.

Before 1920, he owned a car, a Hupmobile, but didn't drive it. His wife drove while he sat in the back smoking his pipe! He also created pictures out of crewel embroidery like the one on display. And without knowing how to play the piano, he wrote a song about the lighthouse called The Lighthouse by the Bay that will be sung by soloist Bill Bird.

200 years after the lighthouse was built it is still beaming light every night. It has the honor of being the oldest continuously operating Lighthouse on the Great Lakes. Four other Great Lakes lighthouses were built prior to 1821, but all of them have been decommissioned.

Over the years, many old lighthouses have been torn down or rebuilt a few times, but the original Marblehead Light still stands because of several factors; it was built on solid bedrock, built of the finest limestone, a stone that is nearly waterproof, built by an excellent mason who mixed the right mortar consistency and let the building cure properly, and because it has been lovingly maintained over the years. It has withstood many Nor'Easter storms with waves that splash the windows 65 feet up. It has withstood the wrath of Lake Erie, known as the toughest, meanest and most unpredictable of the Great Lakes.

As playwright George Bernard Shaw wrote: 'I can think of no other edifice constructed by man as altruistic as a lighthouse. They were built to serve. They weren't built for any other purpose.' We will now sing the hymn Brightly Beams our Father's Mercy.

HONORING THE TIMELESS  
ZOROASTRIAN LEGACY

## HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to issue this recognition of "Timeless Zoroastrian Legacy" to all Zoroastrians for their extraordinary contributions to history and civilization, in pioneering the first universal human rights, world democracy, abolishment of slavery, and freedom of religion. The Zoroastrian legacy has greatly influenced the American founding fathers, the American Constitution, and the design of the Statue of Liberty.

Please join me in recognizing the remarkable contributions of the Zoroastrian community in the United States and throughout the world.



HONORING THE WORK AND  
RETIREMENT OF KEN MALLOY

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of CBS47 anchor and Central Valley news icon, Ken Malloy. Ken has served as a journalist, reporter, and anchor for nearly 39 years, and he will be dearly missed by the Central Valley.

Ken was born and raised in Los Angeles. There, he attended and graduated from the prestigious University of Southern California. Ken began his career as an anchor and reporter at KESQ in Palm Springs, California, where he was recognized for his breaking news coverage.

Thereafter, he moved to New Hampshire, where he reported at WMUR and hosted an award-winning weekly political talk show that took home two Golden Mike Awards. Ken continued his pursuit of groundbreaking news coverage when he ventured to Providence, Rhode Island. He served as a co-anchor and reporter at WJAR, the number one-rated station in the city.

While there, Ken served on the Board of Directors for the state's adoption exchange program and produced weekly "Tuesday's Child" segments and half-hour specials on child adoption. These efforts served as a true testament to his purposeful reporting.

Ken came to Fresno, California, to join CBS47 after a stint at KTVT, the CBS Owned and Operated station in Dallas, Texas, where he anchored and reported for almost 12 years. In Fresno, Ken started as the weekend co-anchor, before launching the station's first morning show and serving as the primary anchor.

Ken has covered some of the most prolific moments in American history. This includes his coverage of the Oklahoma City Bombing, Timothy McVeigh's execution, and the capture of the "Texas Seven." He took on the courageous responsibility of covering the 9–11 attacks, along with the 2000 presidential race. Ken's diligence and work ethic was put on full display while he stayed on the road for six weeks during the Election Cycle.

Today, we pride Ken for his work as an award-winning journalist, anchor, and community leader. Since 1984, he has anchored more than 30,000 newscasts, written more than 10,000 stories, and received countless awards and recognitions. His presence, charisma, and consistency will always be missed as a part of his greater legacy here in the Central Valley. I join his wife Michelle, their three wonderful children, and friends in congratulating Ken for all his achievements.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the work and retirement of Ken Malloy. His service and contributions to the Central Valley will be missed and we wish him all the best for the future.

HONORING KIM FORREST

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kim Forrest to

commemorate her 45 years of service with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Raised in Seaside on the Monterey Peninsula of California, Kim Forrest's youth was marked by adventure, spending her days exploring the vast biodiversity of the Pacific coast. Each summer, Kim and her parents would camp in the High Sierra where her appreciation of wildlife grew. Shortly after her college graduation from Utah State University, Kim's steadfast admiration of wildlife led her to join the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as an entry level employee at Bear River National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). Later, Kim became acting Manager of Fish Springs NWR.

After a brief stint at the Charles M. Russell NWR in Montana, Kim returned to her home state of California where she became the primary manager of the Merced NWR in the San Joaquin Valley. Subsequently, she became Deputy Project Leader at the Sacramento NWR, supervising a crew of equipment operators and biologists. Furthermore, Kim became project leader at the San Luis NWR complex, a wildlife refuge with an area of 40,000 acres, establishing herself as a well-respected conservationist.

Kim's contributions to California wildlife are plentiful, including the development and acquisition of riparian zones, the elimination of invasive plant species, and the recovery of the endangered Riparian Brush Rabbit. Kim's conservation efforts are continued through her work to connect wildlife corridors and protect the wildlife that remains in California's Central Valley. November 11th marks Kim's 45th anniversary of working for the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Kim Forrest has made an everlasting impact on Californian wildlife conservation efforts through years of dedicated service. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

CONGRATULATING DETECTIVE  
TIMOTHY METZGER FOR HIS RE-  
TIREMENT FROM THE ROCK IS-  
LAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Detective Timothy Metzger, who is retiring from the Rock Island Police Department after 28 years of service. His last day was Friday, November 12.

Detective Timothy Metzger joined the Rock Island Police Department in December 1992. A graduate of Blackhawk College and Western Illinois University, Detective Metzger reported to duty each day with impeccable work ethic and compassion for the neighbors he strived to protect. After nearly 20 years, his peers and principals rewarded him for his commitment to the City of Rock Island by promoting him to Detective of the Police Department. For almost 10 years, Detective Metzger has handled every facet of investigations conducted by the Police Department. He specialized in computer, cellphone, and video forensics and helped with the Illinois Attorney General Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force at a local level. When he was not putting himself in harm's way, he enjoyed giving back to the

area he served, helping coach youth softball and baseball teams in Rock Island.

It is because of committed and honorable leaders such as Detective Metzger that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally congratulate Detective Timothy Metzger on his retirement and thank him for his 28 years of service to our community.

SUPPORTING H.R. 951, THE  
MATERNAL VACCINATION ACT

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 951, the Maternal Vaccination Act. The pandemic has laid bare the historical inequities that exist in our health care system for Black Americans, especially for Black parents. My constituency is painfully aware of the pervasive, systemic and institutional influences that have contributed to these disparities.

And let's be clear, these disparities have only been exacerbated by the pandemic, which is why me and my colleagues have been so adamant in the inclusion of policies to end our nation's maternal mortality crisis and eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in maternal health outcomes.

As we are almost two years into a global pandemic that has disproportionately harmed communities of color, the risks facing Black women and other birthing people of color are at a crisis point. Any legislative proposal that will successfully and meaningfully address the pandemic's impact on people of color must directly address the effects of coronavirus disease of 2019 (COVID-19) on pregnant people and new moms.

As many of us know, the United States has the highest maternal mortality rate of any high-income country and the only rate that is rising. The pregnancy-related mortality rate for Black women in the U.S. is three to four times higher than the rate for white women, and other women and birthing people of color also face elevated rates of mortality and morbidity.

The risks for pregnant people have only grown during COVID-19: according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "pregnant and recently pregnant women are at an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 compared to nonpregnant women." The CDC also found that pregnant people with COVID-19 are at an increased risk for adverse pregnancy outcomes. In addition to clinical risks, the pandemic has affected social determinants of health that contribute to maternal health disparities, like increased food insecurity, which disproportionately impacts Black and Hispanic families.

Without bold and immediate action to address the heightened clinical and non-clinical threats to pregnant people and their growing families, our national recovery from COVID-19 will only exacerbate the inequities that existed before the pandemic and worsened over the past year.

Recognizing the urgent need to address these alarming trends, President Biden's American Families Plan includes a much-



needed \$3 billion investment in maternal health. The President's proposal provides an opportunity to make considerable investments in federal funding to address this crisis, including policies included in the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2021 and a permanent expansion of yearlong postpartum Medicaid coverage. By advancing these two priorities in the recent recovery package, we comprehensively addressed every driver of our nation's maternal health crisis.

The Momnibus includes investments that will be needed during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, including investments in community-based organizations, policies to grow and diversify the perinatal workforce, expanded access to maternal mental health care treatments and support, measures to address the impacts of climate change on maternal and infant health outcomes, and provisions to protect pregnant people during this pandemic and any future public health emergency.

My bill, the Maternal Vaccination Act or H.R. 951, directly addresses the health of both moms and babies. This bill is critically important because although we know that maternal vaccinations are important for the health of moms and babies, only half of pregnant people get their flu vaccines and less than half get Tdap vaccinations to protect against pertussis.

With pertussis on the rise and outbreaks occurring across the United States, we need to invest in initiatives to promote maternal immunizations and address racial and ethnic disparities in maternal vaccination rates. Even though, white adults have higher vaccination coverage than Black, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American adults, there is more that can be done to close this gap.

I was proud to author the Maternal Vaccination Act because it provides funding for programs to increase maternal vaccination rates, protecting both new moms and their babies.

Specifically, the Maternal Vaccination Act will provide funding for a public and provider awareness campaign to promote maternal and child vaccinations. This includes initiatives to increase awareness about the safety, importance, and effectiveness of vaccines for pregnant and postpartum people and their children; provide targeted, evidence-based, culturally and linguistically appropriate resources about vaccines to pregnant and postpartum people, particularly in communities with historically low vaccination rates; and provide evidence-based information and resources on the safety and importance of maternal and child vaccinations to public health departments, maternal health care providers, and perinatal health workers.

This bill, like the Build Back Better Act legislation, will provide historic investments from the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act to save moms' lives, end racial and ethnic maternal health disparities, and advance birth equity across the United States.

ALBERT ZONA

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Albert Zona of Pleasantville, South Jersey. At the age of 18, Albert was drafted into the Army during World War II and

was stationed in Japan. He was honorably discharged from the Army as a Sergeant in 1947. After he was discharged, Albert worked several full-time jobs as an auto mechanic until he was able to start his own business. He then opened his first service station at Edgewater Avenue and Main Street and was one of the eight original founding members of the Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Company, Station 2. Around 1952, Al moved his service station to Absecon and transferred from Pleasantville to Absecon Volunteer Fire Department. He then sold that service station in 1998, ending his career as a volunteer firefighter. Al should be proud of his accomplishments and service to the South Jersey community and to America. I thank Al for his service. God Bless Al and God Bless America.

### HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAN JOAQUIN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the San Joaquin Memorial High School on its 75th anniversary. On October 1, 2021, this phenomenal educational institution will have been serving the youth of the San Joaquin Valley for 75 years.

San Joaquin Memorial was founded in 1945 by the late Most Reverend Philip G. Scher and was the first Diocesan Catholic High School with junior high students in the Monterey-Fresno Diocese. San Joaquin Memorial was named by individuals from the San Joaquin Valley who gave their lives in World War II.

That same year of 1945, classes commenced after the construction was completed on the first three buildings. Shortly thereafter, the fourth and fifth buildings were constructed and ready to be filled with students. The first mass was held on October 3rd; the first rally was on November 9th and the first football game on November 19th. The first yearbook was released in May of 1946. The school has continuously expanded and more programs were added. Since then, the high school has become a premiere educational institution in the Valley.

During the 1970s, Brother Phillip and Sister Ann Veronica became the first Vice-Principals of the high school. In 1981, Mary Alice Diener Library was built, and the science building was dedicated to the memory of Br. S. Albert FSC and Sr. Paola Harbeke CSC. Both individuals were the founding principals for San Joaquin Memorial.

The school is home to state-of-the-art technology, strong community service involvement, and several programs outside of standard scholarly activity for their students to take advantage of. They won the 1991 Valley Football Championship over Garces in the Super Holy Bowl and continuing into the 2000s, they dominated in athletics with many talented young student athletes and a talented coaching staff. Because of these advancements, many athletes enjoyed new equipment and renovations by generous individuals who had a passion for the school.

Over the years, San Joaquin Memorial has emphasized their commitment to faith, service,

and community within a rigorous college-preparatory learning environment that effectively prepares their students for their university education and the work force.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring my Alma Mater, San Joaquin Memorial High School on its 75th anniversary. Its service and contributions to the State of California and the San Joaquin Valley will always be celebrated.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE HOME RULE ACT

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Government Accountability Office Home Rule Act. This bill would repeal the authority of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) over the District of Columbia.

GAO, a federal agency that conducts investigations and audits for Congress, has the same authority over D.C. that it has over federal agencies. GAO's authorizing statute defines D.C. as a federal agency. In addition, GAO's authorizing statute and the D.C. Home Rule Act require GAO to engage in specific types of oversight of D.C.

D.C. is not a federal agency, and it should never be treated as such. The District already has a locally appointed auditor and inspector general, so GAO's authority over D.C. is both redundant and offensive. GAO does not have general authority over states and cities, and therefore should not have such authority over D.C.

This is an important step to increase home rule for the District and does not require statehood. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

### HONORING MADAME JOSEPHINE BAKER

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today on a very historic occasion for the international community as we celebrate the life of American-born singer, dancer, World War II hero and civil rights icon Josephine Baker.

On November 30th, Madame Baker will be reinterred in a ceremony at the Pantheon monument in Paris, France. This will make her the first American, the first Black woman, and the first entertainer to receive the country's highest honor. Madame Baker's induction into the Paris Pantheon will put her among the company of the highest French achievers in Arts, Letters, and Science.

Though born an American citizen, Madame Baker lived most of her life in France and became a French citizen in the 1930s. Growing up homeless and in poverty, she became an internationally recognized entertainer and actress. However, her contributions did not stop

in the arts. She was also a key member of the French Resistance movement during World War II, acting as a spy, as she gathered intelligence and smuggled messages for resistance forces.

After the war, Madame Baker was awarded with one of France's top military honors, the Croix de Guerre, for her role in resisting occupation under the Nazis.

Even as France became her home, Madame Baker never turned her back on the United States and the social injustice happening here. She used her celebrity to push against Jim Crow segregation and leveraged her platform to support the Civil Rights Movement happening at the time. On numerous occasions, she returned to the United States to perform. However, she refused to play in segregated establishments and championed racial equality—including right here in the San Francisco Bay Area.

In the 1950's Madame Baker appeared with Paul Robeson supporting better pay for Oakland dock workers and longshoreman, she took part in Berkeley protests demanding Black people be hired as transit workers on the Key Line, and she warned that she would not perform at San Francisco's Golden Gate Theatre unless Black patrons could buy tickets to her concerts.

For her civil rights activities in challenging racial segregation, Madame Baker was labeled "a communist troublemaker" and put on the FBI watchlist. She lost her U.S. citizenship rights for over a decade.

It was not until the intervention of then U.S. Attorney General, Robert Kennedy, that she was finally allowed to return to the U.S. in 1963 to speak at the March on Washington.

Wearing her French Resistance military uniform, Madame Baker was one of the few women speakers to address the crowd that day as a quarter million people gathered before the Lincoln monument.

"You know I have always taken the rocky path," she told the crowd. "I never took the easy one, but as I get older, and as I knew I had the power and the strength, I took that rocky path and I tried to smooth it out a little. I wanted to make it easier for you. I want you to have a chance at what I had."

This is the legacy of Madame Josephine Baker that we celebrate and uplift on the global stage. From the Pantheon in Paris to the halls of the U.S. Congress, we honor her contributions, courage, and conviction to make this world a better place for us all.

On behalf of the 13th Congressional District of California, I commend Madame Josephine Baker for her service and dedication.

#### SEA ISLE CITY BEACH PATROL

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, in October, I had the opportunity to attend the Sea Isle City Beach Patrol Annual Hall of Fame Induction. The Sea Isle Beach Patrol was officially formed in 1919 to protect beachgoers who vacationed in the popular resort town. It started as just two lifeguards and three volunteers and has now grown into a large group. At the induction I attended, Robert Herzog, Bill

Feaster, Jr., Jim Guntle, Jordy Troyan, Danny Rodgers, and Pat Scannapieco were inducted into the Beach Patrol Hall of Fame. These individuals should be proud of their accomplishments and service to South Jersey, and it was my honor to watch the ceremony. God Bless the Sea Isle Beach Patrol, and God Bless America.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MONDAIRE JONES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, due to personal reasons, I was unable to record my vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 386.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF KATHRYN BONNIE HASSETT

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kathryn Bonnie Hassett. Kathryn passed away in her Merced home on August 26, 2021 after a seven-year battle with cancer. Kathryn was a mother, daughter, grandmother, and friend.

Kathryn was the daughter of Ken and Midge Riggs. She went to school in Merced, California at Merced High School and later went on to study at California State University, Fresno where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Health Sciences. After graduating from Fresno State, Kathryn attended the University of San Francisco where she graduated with her Master of Arts Degree in Educational Psychology, with an emphasis on Marriage and Family.

She was reunited with Frank "Flip" Hassett while attending Fresno State, as they had first met when they were much younger at the Skimmers swim meets. During their time in college, they dated until they were married in 1975, after Kathy began her career in Social Services with Merced County while Flip coached swimming and water polo. They had two children together in 1977 and 1979.

In her free time, Kathy always enjoyed trying new things while spending time outdoors and traveling. She and her husband Flip especially loved rafting in Class 5 rivers all over the West and even in the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. In addition to rafting, Kathy was skilled at snow and water skiing in Yosemite, Lake Tahoe, China Peak, and various other locations.

Once she retired after 35 years with Merced County, Kathy continued her love for travel and exploration by partaking in several sea and river cruises all over the world, including a Disney Cruise in 2018 to Cabo San Lucas, when she was able to bring all of their children and grandchildren along for the trip.

Kathy was an active member of various community organizations in Merced including the League of Women Voters, Leadership Merced—Class 14, United Way, the Hospital

Assistance League, MCMC Foundation, Federal Emergency Management Team, Continuity of Care Committee, Specialized Management Area Response Team, Adult Services Committee, and CalWorks Advisory Committee. In addition to her commitment to Merced County, Kathy also worked in associations at the state level, including Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, and Human Services Directors.

Her dedication to her community demonstrated her immense faith in humanity. Her warm spirit and loving charm was something she never failed to share with her children, family, and the community of the Central Valley and California as a whole.

Kathy is survived by her loving husband Frank "Flip" Hassett; her children Heather Shepherd (Kelcey) and Frank Hassett (Amber); and siblings Karen Davey (Erwin), Curtis Riggs (Gaye), and Kraig Riggs (Robin).

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Kathryn Bonnie Hassett. Her service and contributions to the Central Valley and the State of California will be long remembered. I join her family and friends in celebrating Kathryn's life.

#### HONORING DAVID N. SHAFER

### HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor David N. Shafer, a constituent who lives in Whittier, California, as he retires after 31 years of work providing affordable housing for American families.

David has dedicated his life to increasing access to affordable housing for Californians. During his tenure at WNC, a leading affordable housing fund, David served as Chief Legal Officer and oversaw all legal affairs. In this role, he was instrumental in the underwriting, negotiation, and acquisition of more than 1,400 affordable housing communities representing over 93,000 apartment units for low-income families, senior citizens, and veterans.

David contributed his extensive insight and knowledge of affordable housing to his industry by serving as president and long-time member of the board of directors of the California Council for Affordable Housing and as director for the Council of Affordable and Rural Housing. Guided by an unwavering commitment to "do the right thing," David has been a respected mentor to a countless number of colleagues in his career.

David has been married for 34 years to his wife Monica. David and Monica are blessed with three children and seven grandchildren. David's children describe him as the rock and foundation of their family. They praise him for his kindness, compassion, attentiveness, and love.

I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing David Shafer a happy retirement and thanking him for years of service in the affordable housing space. His work has improved the lives of many individuals and will continue to do so for years to come.

REMEMBERING KEVIN NISHITA

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Kevin Fumito Nishita, a retired San Francisco Bay Area police officer who was murdered in a senseless act of gun violence while working as a security guard for a television crew in Oakland, CA.

Kevin's death has devastated not only his family and friends, but also the Bay Area's law enforcement and journalism communities, which had come to know him as an energetic, professional protector and a supportive friend. He died protecting practitioners of one of our nation's most sacred rights: the freedom of the press.

Kevin served as an officer with the Oakland Housing Authority Police Department and the Hayward Police Department before joining the San Jose Police Department in 2001. There, he worked as a Gang Investigations detective as well as working the Gaming/Vice Unit. In addition to his police assignments, Kevin also spent some time representing his peers as a director with the San José Police Officers Association.

He then joined the Colma Police Department in 2012, serving as a Detective, Field Training Officer, and Officer in Charge before being promoted to Sergeant in 2015 and retiring in 2018. Since early 2020, Kevin worked with the Star Protection Agency, often accompanying personnel from various Bay Area television stations into unsafe areas.

He was protecting a KRON4 news crew in downtown Oakland at midday on Nov. 24 when a group of men attempted to rob the crew of its camera. Kevin intervened and was shot; he succumbed to his injuries three days later.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Nishita; his mother, Mary Yukiko Nishita; his father, Dan Fumito Nishita; his stepson, Enrique Ramiro Serrano; his daughter-in-law, Elaine Hebron Edjan; his daughter, Maureen Campos; his son-in-law, Marlowe Campos; and his grandsons, Titus Mackoa Campos, Kahuna Cudi Campos, and Dash Wilfred Campos.

Colleagues remember Kevin by nicknames including "Turbo" and "Stitch," after the animated character, for his high-energy, always-moving persona. His family says he was an extremely hard worker who never asked for anything in return, who opened his home to so many people who needed help, a man of deep compassion.

Kevin Nishita's death should be a wake-up call that gun violence is a scourge upon our communities that must be addressed and stopped. His life should be remembered as a celebration of public service and fellowship, a model for all who knew and loved him. I offer his family, friends, and colleagues my deepest condolences on this terrible loss.

COMMEMORATING THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN'S 50TH NATIONAL DAY

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, on December 16, the Kingdom of Bahrain will mark its 50th National Day. I'm joined by many of my colleagues in congratulating the Bahraini people on this impressive milestone.

The contributions of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the peace and security of the wider Middle East region cannot be understated; look no further than the support of Bahrain in assisting U.S. evacuation efforts in Afghanistan, or to the Kingdom's hosting of the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet. Bahrain also assists U.S. counterterrorism efforts in marginalizing the use of drones by Iranian proxy groups.

Bahrain remains an instrumental security partner and ally of the United States. In 2002, Bahrain became a Major Non-NATO Ally, a designation given only to close partner states. Through our enhanced defense cooperation, we have been able to curtail the malign and toxic influence of the Iranian regime.

The Kingdom of Bahrain has so clearly augmented the prospect for regional peace through its participation in the Abraham Accords, and now maintains an embassy in Israel. Bahrain's Constitution continues to enshrine freedom of religion guarantees for all Bahraini citizens—to include women's right to vote and run for office.

In recognition of its 50th National Day, I warmly congratulate the people of Bahrain on the founding of their young nation, and wish them good health, prosperity, and security for many more years.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARY BETH WALKER AND HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise—along with HANK JOHNSON, Chair of the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet—to thank Mary Beth Walker for her service to the Committee as a counsel detailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.

Over the past two-and-a-half years, Mary Beth has helped the Committee achieve a great deal. This includes the passage last Congress of the Trademark Modernization Act, which, among other things, responded to the growing number of fraudulent trademark applications as well as the documented large number of unused marks on the register by creating two new ex parte proceedings to remove registered trademarks that were not in use when the application was made, or had never been used. This will help those seeking new registrations, like small businesses, have a better chance at obtaining a strong trademark of their initial preference.

Mary Beth was also instrumental in advancing the SHOP SAFE Act in this Congress. This bill seeks to address the scourge of counterfeits being sold by third parties on online e-commerce platforms by reforming a decade-old liability structure established by case law rather than Congress. Mary Beth worked tirelessly with stakeholders and other Congressional staff to try to ensure that the bill strikes the right balance to make a meaningful difference in reducing the number of counterfeits being sold to unsuspecting consumers.

Mary Beth has shown herself to be a dedicated public servant and a true team player, willing to help out on other hearings and intellectual property issues that came before the Committee. We will miss her greatly, but we are glad that her expertise will remain in service to the public with her return to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as an Associate Solicitor.

We thank Mary Beth for her service to the Committee and wish her the best of luck with the next chapter in her career.

HONORING DR. DAVID VIERRA FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. David Vierra for 40 years of service in public education and the lasting contributions he has made to the Antelope Valley, his lifelong home. In August of this year, David retired from his position as Antelope Valley Union High School District Superintendent after serving for nearly two decades in that role.

Upon graduating from Antelope Valley High School in Lancaster, California, one of the very schools that he would later serve as District Superintendent, David earned his bachelor's degree from California State University, Northridge, and subsequently began his career in education in 1981 as a teacher in the Lancaster Elementary School District. Soon after, he took his talents abroad, serving in the U.S. Department of Defense as an instructor at Kaiserslautern American High School in Germany, where he also coached football and basketball.

In 1998, David became the Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services at the Antelope Valley Union High School District and just four years later—a true testament to his inherent leadership skills—David was tapped to lead the school district as Superintendent. Under David's direction, the Antelope Valley Union High School District has transformed into a vastly successful school system that prepares students for the 21st century and has even been internationally recognized. In 2018, Antelope Valley Union High School District received a special, six-year districtwide accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), a world-renowned accrediting association in the United States that works closely with the Office of Overseas Schools under the Department of State. The Antelope Valley Union High School

District is the first school district in the continental United States to receive district-wide WASC accreditation.

Over the past few decades, Antelope Valley students have received full-ride scholarships to prestigious universities and have been awarded national recognitions for their successes. David also worked to establish Students on Academic Rise (SOAR), an early college high school program that prepares students, many of which come from disadvantaged backgrounds, seeking alternative career paths to successfully enter the workforce.

David's passion for education reflects his own academic journey, as he earned a master's degree from Azusa Pacific University and a PhD in education philosophy from Claremont Graduate University, all while balancing his leadership obligations and commitment to helping students pursue their interests in and outside of the classroom. David is also well-known in the Antelope Valley community as being exceptionally generous with his time and talent, dedicating countless hours to local civic, athletic, and educational organizations. David has served the Antelope Valley Hospital Foundation as a Director, the University of Antelope Valley as Chairman of the Board, and the Antelope Valley Board of Trade as a Board Member on its Education Committee. This past summer, David received the key to the City of Lancaster, a well-deserved honor.

Known for his personal approach to education and leadership, David spent his time as Superintendent building relationships with students, parents, and teachers. The President of the Antelope Valley Union High School District's Board of Education noted that this special quality, along with David's integrity and "unwavering commitment to solving the near impossible"—especially during the coronavirus pandemic—helped him lead the Antelope Valley Union High School District "through the unthinkable." On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of California, I wish David, his wife, and three children all the best as they enter this exciting new chapter of life.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF REVEREND ELIZABETH COLEMAN

#### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Reverend Elizabeth V. Coleman.

A lifelong Bay Area resident, Elizabeth was born in 1965 and raised in San Pablo. She graduated from San Francisco University Law School in 1999, launching her legal career. Elizabeth went on to earn a Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts in Community Leadership from American Baptist Seminary. She became an ordained Reverend in 2011.

Elizabeth's desire to help children and families was evident throughout her career. After working for some time as a corporate lawyer, Elizabeth realized her passion for advocacy. Elizabeth supported young people as a court appointed advocate with Alameda and Contra Costa County's Juvenile Dependency Courts. Elizabeth also played a significant role in establishing the Justice Rising Youth Court at

the Berkeley Technology Academy, a program aimed at reducing suspension rates. Additionally, Elizabeth worked with a number of nonprofits throughout her career to advance the needs of children, including the San Francisco Children's Legal Defense Fund. Elizabeth was a champion of children's issues and fought tirelessly to promote justice through her work.

Elizabeth was also deeply passionate about her community. She was an Associate Pastor at McGee Avenue Baptist Church in Berkeley and ran programs focused on restorative justice and addressing food insecurity. Elizabeth will be remembered for her compassionate nature and her commitment to service.

Sadly, Elizabeth passed away earlier this month. She was a cherished member of the East Bay community and will be remembered for her leadership, integrity, and compassion. Please join me in honoring Elizabeth for her many contributions to our community.

#### CONGRATULATING THE AUSABLE VALLEY GIRLS SOCCER TEAM ON THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

#### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the AuSable Valley girls' varsity soccer team on winning the New York State Championship title.

For the first time since the start of the program, the AuSable Valley girls' soccer team earned their place in the Final Four game led by head coach Lindsey Douglas. They carried this momentum with them through to the state championship game, and on November 14th, the AuSable Valley girls' soccer team made program history when they valiantly defeated the Carle Place Frogs in a 1-0 win.

This momentous win was not achieved overnight. The team was focused and determined to reach this goal all season. The Patriots' unity and dedication was evident in their impressive performance in the championship game. The New York State Public High School Championship game was fiercely competitive and not easily won. Their win was no small feat and deserves to be celebrated.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to congratulate the AuSable Valley girls' varsity soccer team on their tremendous win and their well-deserved state championship title. I hope that their hard work and dedication serves as inspiration for generations to come.

#### TRIBUTE TO JULIA TAYLOR

#### HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Julia Taylor, an innovative business leader, trailblazer, and the president of the Greater Milwaukee Committee (GMC) for 19 years. In 2002, Ms. Taylor became the first woman to become president of the Civic Group and tirelessly served for almost two decades.

GMC is a private sector civic organization whose mission is to contribute to the cultural and economic base of the Milwaukee Metropolitan area. The organization was formed in the late 1940s and is comprised of leaders in business, the professions, labor, education and philanthropy, and nonprofit community development. The GMC is made up of almost 200 leaders of businesses, financial institutions, law firms, nonprofit groups, and educational institutions in the metropolitan area and is dedicated to improving Southeastern Wisconsin's civic life and economy.

Since 2002, the GMC and the City of Milwaukee progressed exponentially under Ms. Taylor's leadership. Julia Taylor brought greater diversity to the membership and the GMC board. GMC now has a record number of minorities and women serving in leadership roles. Ms. Taylor expanded GMC's work to develop and innovate all areas of Milwaukee, especially impoverished areas that are too often forgotten. She worked tirelessly to build new relationships with local community leaders and stakeholders. Because of Ms. Taylor's work, GMC is having a much greater impact in neighborhoods, education and economic development at the most basic levels.

Under Ms. Taylor's leadership, the GMC won local and national support for its projects that include efforts to promote and support economic prosperity, vibrancy of place, and development of innovation and talent. Due to Ms. Taylor's work, the work of the GMC in building a better, greater Milwaukee for all of our citizens is more important than ever.

Ms. Taylor serves on several boards and was the Executive Director of the Milwaukee YWCA for many years before assuming her current position. She is being honored and recognized for her decades of community engagement in the Greater Milwaukee Area. In fact, Ms. Taylor continues to set a strong example to us all by displaying humor, grace and good will to all and we wish her a long and happy retirement.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Julia Taylor for her contributions to the Fourth Congressional District and the State of Wisconsin. She has helped transform the lives of many people in our community.

#### CONGRATULATING BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT, TINA MARQUIS, ON HER RETIREMENT

#### HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tina Marquis, the President of the Boulder Valley School District Board of Education, in Colorado for her many years of service to our community and our students.

Tina has been a Board Member of Boulder Valley since 2013, and during her tenure she also served as the Board Treasurer and four years as President.

She has a more than decade-long history of volunteerism and service to the Boulder Valley community, beginning with the elementary school her two children attended—and eventually at the district-level through the District Accountability Committee, where she served as the chairwoman for two years.

She is a tireless advocate for public education, equity and student safety and has worked closely with local municipalities and state legislators to address the safety needs of students.

Finally, during the pandemic and the other challenges she has been a stalwart leader, approaching each challenge with an open mind, while also being committed to doing what was best for students.

She was recently recognized for her outstanding leadership by the Colorado Association of School Boards—who bestowed upon her their McGuffey Award.

I would like to thank Tina Marquis for her outstanding service to the Boulder Valley

School District, to the State of Colorado and to our great country. She, no doubt, has been a beacon of leadership—and her influence has benefited the lives of many children in BVSD and beyond.

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TYLER WILSON

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the pleasure of presenting Tyler

Wilson with his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Tyler began as a Tiger Cub at a young age and proceeded through the Scout ranks up to Eagle Scout in October of 2019. Throughout his time as a Scout, Tyler became a member of The Order of the Arrow and is now a Vigil member. Additionally, with his friend Dominic, he founded Troop 2. For his Eagle Scout project, Tyler constructed a therapeutic riding arena for handicap kids at the Gloucester County 4H grounds. Scouting has had a major influence in Tyler's life, and it was my honor to have had the opportunity to recognize him for his service to the South Jersey community. God Bless Tyler and God Bless America.